

MINUTES
WEST WARWICK SCHOOL COMMITTEE
JULY 14, 2015
JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL
WEBSTER KNIGHT DRIVE
5:30 P.M.

This meeting was called to order by Stephen H. Lawton, Chairperson.

Members Present:

Stephen Lawton, Chairperson
Christopher Messier, Vice-Chairperson
Rene Coutu, Clerk
Patricia Keenan
Luis Colon

School Committee

Attorney Present:

Aubrey Lombardo

Administrators Present:

Karen Tarasevich, Superintendent of Schools
Jeffrey Guiot, Principal, John F. Deering Middle School
James Monti, Director of Educational Reform, Compliance and Technology
Jessica Perry, Maisie Quinn School Administrator/ Assistant to the Director of Special Education
Keith Remillard, Director of Federal Programming and Innovative Practice
Philip Solomon, Principal, West Warwick High School
Kenneth Townsend, Director of Property Services
Paul Vigeant, Director of Special Education and Pupil/Personnel Services

Recording Secretary:

Michelle M. Colozzo

1. Open Session

Open Session

Mr. Lawton opened the meeting at 5:35 P.M.

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2. Roll Call

Roll Call

The following members were present: Mr. Lawton, Mr. Messier, Mr. Coutu, Mrs. Keenan, and Mr. Colon.

3. Motion to go into Executive Session

Motion to go into Executive Session according to RI General Laws 42-46-4 and 42-46-5, Subsection (a) Paragraphs 1 and 2

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY LUIS COLON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION ACCORDING TO RI GENERAL LAWS 42-46-4 AND 42-46-5, SUBSECTION (a), PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2. Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan. The following members voted in the affirmative: Christopher Messier, Rene Coutu, Patricia Keenan, Luis Colon, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

4. Executive Session

Executive Session

- a) **Personnel**
- b) **Contracts**
Council 94 Negotiations Update
- c) **Litigation**

The School Committee met in Executive Session.

5. Open Session

Open Session

Mr. Lawton opened the public session at 6:30 P.M.

6. Roll Call

Roll Call

The following members were present:
Mr. Lawton, Mr. Messier, Mr. Coutu, Mrs. Keenan, and Mr. Colon.

7. Reading of Mission Statement

Reading of Mission Statement

Mr. Colon read the Mission Statement of the West Warwick Public Schools.

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The West Warwick Public Schools, in partnership with the entire community, is dedicated to providing all learners with access and opportunity to a challenging comprehensive education while developing 21st Century Skills in a safe, personalized learning environment.

8. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Messier led the Pledge of Allegiance.

9. Motion to Close Executive Session Minutes

Motion to Close Executive Session Minutes

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY PATRICIA KEENAN THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE CLOSE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES. Motion seconded by Christopher Messier. The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu, Luis Colon, Christopher Messier, Patricia Keenan, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

10. Student Recognition

Student Recognition

The School Committee recognized the following Dare to Dream Student Leadership Club Members for their efforts in helping students with all types of abilities across the state learn how technology can help them be successful.

Andrew Ballou, Kyle Brown, Taylor Carlson, Jenelle Jean, Anthony Lescarbeau, Michaela Succi, Victoria Swagger, Zachary Tremblay, Cameron Trudell

Advisors: Kristen Clark, Kelly Hersey, and Jessica Perry

11. Audience of Citizens

Audience of Citizens

None.

12. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson's Report

None.

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13. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Tarasevich said that there were some special guests present at the meeting: Andrea and Domenic Rossi. She said they were present to donate a letterman sweater and picture that they framed to donate to us. They said they want to bring it home where it belongs. Mrs. Tarasevich said that was very nice, and we appreciate it. Andrea Rossi said she wanted to thank John Hagen, Ken Townsend, and Luis Colon for making this possible. She said that her dad was very proud of his accomplishments at West Warwick High School; he was in the Class of 1952. Ms. Rossi also thanked her mom, because without her care the sweater wouldn't have survived. She said she is sure this will be on display, and she is grateful to leave behind a small memorial for her father. Mrs. Tarasevich thanked the Rossis and said we will find a nice spot for it.

Mrs. Tarasevich said people may have seen in the paper that Dr. Ken Wagner was appointed Commissioner of Education by the Board of Regents last night. He comes from New York and was strongly recommended for his collaborative nature to involve all stakeholders.

Mrs. Tarasevich said Summer School is now in session, and she thanked everyone involved for their efforts. She said we had a \$3,000 anonymous donation for the sole purpose of supporting students in summer school who may not be able to support themselves. The donor explained that he or she had benefitted from summer school and earned a diploma and then went on to be successful and wanted someone else to have that same benefit. Mrs. Tarasevich said if the anonymous donor happened to be in the audience, thank you again.

Mrs. Tarasevich said the August graduation will be held on August 13th at 6:30 PM. and the graduating students will be receiving their diplomas as a result of

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attending summer school. Mr. Solomon said there are up to 18 potential graduates in the Summer School program. Mrs. Tarasevich said they will be graduates of the Class of 2015. She again thanked everyone involved in summer school.

Mrs. Tarasevich said we are in the final planning stages for the new school year, and after tonight, we will have almost all of our staff in place, so we will hit the ground running in September.

14. Consent Agenda

a) **Approval: Executive Session Minutes: June 2, 2015**

b) **Approval: Open Session Minutes: June 2, 2015**

c) **Approval: Special Meeting Open Session Minutes: June 25, 2015**

d) **Approval: Payment of Bills: \$411,486.19**

Consent Agenda

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MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE ITEMS A., B., C., AND D. OF THE CONSENT AGENDA. Motion seconded by Rene Coutu. The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Luis Colon, Rene Coutu, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

15. Discussion: Paperless Agenda App

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Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that, at the request of Vice-Chairperson Chris Messier, this item be placed on the agenda for discussion.

Mr. Messier said that the School Committee had a flyer on the paperless agenda app. He said this

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product allows us to put our electronic agenda on-line so that not only could the School Committee see this, but members of the public could go on to our website and could post some of their feedback and comments. Mr. Messier said he thinks this would provide a level of transparency and feedback that we need to have if we are to succeed in the future. Mr. Messier said he wanted to see if we could get samples or demos and have Jim Monti take a look through them and find the best one.

Mr. Messier said presently the agenda is in a PDF format, but there is no way to make notes or add comments, and with this app, you would be able to do that. Mr. Monti said we do have tools that would allow you to annotate the agenda. Mr. Messier said for members of the community, unless they come to the meeting or call the school committee members, they can't give feedback, and he would like to get their feedback by putting it on line and having them log in to our website, so that he and the other members can see what people are actually thinking about the issues that are being discussed.

Mrs. Tarasevich noted that members of the public can e-mail any of us right on our web page. Mr. Colon asked if this would allow people's concerns to reach the school committee members but other people as well. Mr. Messier said we would have to check on that.

Attorney Lombardo said it would be fine if the feedback goes just to the School Committee, but she has FERPA concerns if someone puts a complaint on there with a student's name. She said she thinks if you make it so that just the School Committee sees the comments, then you are on much firmer ground. Mr. Messier said it still works for him if it allows people to provide their thoughts on the things that come to the school committee.

The School Committee also discussed the topic of linking the backup to the agenda, so that people could

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see the actual resignations, for example. There was also a concern raised that the comments be constructive feedback and not derogatory comments.

Mr. Monti noted that he has already built a portal for the School Committee where the documents are put into a Google drive for viewing and annotating. He said that we could build a comments session on this portal which could be used to provide feedback.

Mr. Monti said that he thinks there are other things we could do that have no cost which may be a little less sophisticated but are doable solutions that we can put in place. Mr. Messier said that he is interested in looking into this to see what would meet our needs and provide us with low cost options. He said he wanted to make sure that we are all on the same page and that he has approval to work with Mr. Monti and find out what is available and best meets our needs. Mr. Monti said there are other solutions that can be looked into; he and Mr. Messier and Mrs. Tarasevich can look at the options.

16. Approval: Proposed Changes to West Warwick High School 2015-2016 Student Handbook

Mr. Lawton thanked Mr. Messier

Approval: Proposed Changes to West Warwick High School 2015-2016 Student Handbook

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the proposed changes to the West Warwick High School 2015-2016 Student Handbook. Mrs. Tarasevich said Mr. Solomon is here if anyone has any questions. Mrs. Tarasevich said #3, as highlighted on the proposed policy, basically redefines how students make up missed work.

MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER
THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE
THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE WEST
WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL 2015-2016
STUDENT HANDBOOK.** Motion seconded by Luis Colon. The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, Luis

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Colon, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton.
Motion unanimously passed.

17. Approval: First Reading: Early College Access Policy

Approval: First Reading: Early College Access Policy

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the first reading of the Early College Access Policy for the West Warwick Public Schools.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY LUIS COLON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF THE EARLY COLLEGE ACCESS POLICY FOR THE WEST WARWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS. Motion seconded by Christopher Messier. The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, Christopher Messier, Luis Colon, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

18. Approval: Out-of- State Field Trips

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Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the out-of-state field trip for the John F. Deering Middle School Honors Chorus and Show Choir to Great East Music Festival, Springfield, Massachusetts, May 27, 2016.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP FOR THE JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL HONORS CHORUS AND SHOW CHOIR TO GREAT EAST MUSIC FESTIVAL, SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS, MAY 27, 2016. Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan. The following members voted in the affirmative: Luis Colon, Rene Coutu, Patricia Keenan, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

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Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the out-of-state field trip for the John F. Deering Middle School Grades 6-8 Junior and Senior Honors Band Students to Music in the Park Competition, Hershey Park, Hershey, Pennsylvania, June 3-5, 2016.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP FOR THE JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADES 6-8 JUNIOR AND SENIOR HONORS BAND STUDENTS TO MUSIC IN THE PARK COMPETITION, HERSHEY PARK, HERSHEY, PENNSYLVANIA, JUNE 3-5, 2016. Motion seconded by Rene Coutu. The following members voted in the affirmative: Luis Colon, Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

19. Approval: Discretionary Leave

Approval: Discretionary Leave: Special Education Academic Resource Teacher – West Warwick High School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the discretionary leave request from Brenda Johnson, Special Education Academic Resource Teacher at West Warwick High School for the 2015-2016 school year.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY LUIS COLON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE DISCRETIONARY LEAVE REQUEST FROM BRENDA JOHNSON, SPECIAL EDUCATION ACADEMIC RESOURCE TEACHER AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR. Motion seconded by Christopher Messier. The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu, Patricia Keenan, Christopher Messier, Luis Colon, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

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20. Acceptance of Resignations

Acceptance of Resignations:

- a) Music Teacher – Wakefield Hills Elementary School**
- b) Nursing and Health Services Coordinator**
- c) Speech Pathologist – Special Education Extended School Year Program**
- d) Part-Time Teacher Assistant – Greenbush Elementary School**
- e) Special Education Teacher (Emotional Disturbance 9/10) – West Warwick High School**
- f) Part-Time Teacher Assistant – Wakefield Hills Elementary School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee accept the resignations from the following individuals:

- a) Kristina Levick, Music Teacher at Wakefield Hills Elementary School, effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year
- b) Marilyn Johnson, Nursing and Health Coordinator for the West Warwick Public Schools, effective June 19, 2015
- c) Bonnita Barnett Darcy, Speech Pathologist, Special Education Extended School Year Program, effective June 2, 2015
- d) Diane Randall, Part-Time Teacher Assistant, Greenbush Elementary School, effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year
- e) Danielle Sherman, Special Education Teacher (Emotional Disturbance 9/10), at West Warwick High School, effective June 15, 2015

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- f) Neale Garnett-Turgeon, Part-Time Teacher
Assistant, Wakefield Hills Elementary School,
effective July 2, 2015

MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY LUIS COLON THAT THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE
RESIGNATIONS FROM THE FOLLOWING
INDIVIDUALS:**

- a) **KRISTINA LEVICK, MUSIC TEACHER AT
WAKEFIELD HILLS ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE AT THE END OF
THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR**
- b) **MARILYN JOHNSON, NURSING AND
HEALTH COORDINATOR FOR THE WEST
WARWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
EFFECTIVE JUNE 19, 2015**
- c) **BONNITA BARNETT DARCY, SPEECH
PATHOLOGIST, SPECIAL EDUCATION
EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAM,
EFFECTIVE JUNE 2, 2015**
- d) **DIANE RANDALL, PART-TIME TEACHER
ASSISTANT, GREENBUSH ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE AT THE END OF
THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR**
- e) **DANIELLE SHERMAN, SPECIAL
EDUCATION TEACHER (EMOTIONAL
DISTURBANCE 9/10) AT WEST WARWICK
HIGH SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE JUNE 15, 2015**
- f) **NEALE GARNETTE-TURGEON, PART-
TIME TEACHER ASSISTANT, WAKEFIELD
HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
EFFECTIVE JULY 2, 2015**

Motion seconded by Rene Coutu. The following
members voted in the affirmative: Christopher

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Messier, Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, Luis Colon, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

21. Consent to Superintendent's Appointments

Consent to Superintendent's Appointments

a) Principal – Wakefield Hills Elementary School (FUNDING SOURCE: LOCAL)

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Leah Bessette to the position of Principal of Wakefield Hills Elementary School, effective July 1, 2015.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF LEAH BESSETTE TO THE POSITION OF PRINCIPAL OF WAKEFIELD HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015. Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan, for discussion.

Mr. Vigeant provided information regarding Leah Bessette's education and experience.

The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu, Luis Colon, Patricia Keenan, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

The School Committee congratulated Leah Bessette.

b) Assistant Principal – West Warwick High School (FUNDING SOURCE: LOCAL)

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Nicole Rattay to the position of Assistant Principal at West Warwick High School, effective July 14, 2015.

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MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF NICOLE RATTAY TO THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE JULY 14, 2015. Motion seconded by Rene Coutu, for discussion.

Mr. Vigeant provided information regarding Nicole Rattay's education and experience.

The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, Christopher Messier, Luis Colon, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

The School Committee congratulated and welcomed Nicole Rattay.

c) Music Teacher – Wakefield Hills Elementary School (FUNDING SOURCE: LOCAL)

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Matthew Livesy to the position of Music Teacher at Wakefield Hills Elementary School effective at the start of the 2015-2016 school year.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MATTHEW LIVESY TO THE POSITION OF MUSIC TEACHER AT WAKEFIELD HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE AT THE START OF THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR. Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan, for discussion.

Mr. Vigeant provided information regarding Matthew Livesy's education and experience.

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The following members voted in the affirmative: Luis Colon, Rene Coutu, Patricia Keenan, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

The School Committee congratulated and welcomed Matthew Livesy.

d) Special Education Teacher – Emotional Disturbance Program (Gr. 7/8) – Maisie E. Quinn School (FUNDING SOURCE: LOCAL)

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Ann Bednarski to the position of Special Education Teacher – Emotional Disturbance Program (Gr. 7/8) – Maisie E. Quinn School, effective at the start of the 2015-2016 school year.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY LUIS COLON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ANN BEDNARSKI TO THE POSITION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER – EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE PROGRAM (GR. 7/8) – MAISIE E. QUINN SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE AT THE START OF THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR. Motion seconded by Christopher Messier, for discussion.

Mr. Vigeant provided information regarding Ann Bednarski's education and experience.

The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu, Patricia Keenan, Christopher Messier, Luis Colon, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

The School Committee congratulated and welcomed Ann Bednarski.

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e) Technology Education Teacher – John F. Deering Middle School (FUNDING SOURCE: LOCAL)

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Edward Davis to the position of Technology Education Teacher at John F. Deering Middle School, effective at the start of the 2015-2016 school year.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF EDWARD DAVIS TO THE POSITION OF TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION TEACHER AT JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE AT THE START OF THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR. Motion seconded by Luis Colon, for discussion.

Mr. Vigeant provided information regarding Edward Davis's education and experience.

The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu, Patricia Keenan, Luis Colon, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

The School Committee congratulated and welcomed Edward Davis.

f) Long-Term Substitute English Teacher – West Warwick High School (FUNDING SOURCE: LOCAL)

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Danielle Howman to the position of Long-Term Substitute English Teacher at West Warwick High School, effective at the start of the 2015-2016 school year.

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MOTION

MOTION MADE BY PATRICIA KEENAN THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF DANIELLE HOWMAN TO THE POSITION OF LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE ENGLISH TEACHER AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE AT THE START OF THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR. Motion seconded by Rene Coutu. The following members voted in the affirmative: Christopher Messier, Luis Colon, Rene Coutu, Patricia Keenan, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

g) Long-Term Substitute English Teacher – John F. Deering Middle School (FUNDING SOURCE: LOCAL)

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Olivia Chaves to the position of Long-Term Substitute English Teacher at John F. Deering Middle School for the 2015-2016 school year.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF OLIVIA CHAVES TO THE POSITION OF LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE ENGLISH TEACHER AT JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR. Motion seconded by Luis Colon. The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu, Luis Colon, Christopher Messier, Patricia Keenan, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

h) .5 Technology Education Teacher – West Warwick High School (FUNDING SOURCE: LOCAL)

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Peter Laurie to the position of

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.5 Technology Education Teacher at West Warwick High School, effective at the start of the 2015-2016 school year.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY RENE COUTU THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF PETER LAURIE TO THE POSITION OF .5 TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION TEACHER AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE AT THE START OF THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR. Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan. The following members voted in the affirmative: Christopher Messier, Luis Colon, Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

i) .5 Mathematics Teacher (Alternative Program) – Maisie E. Quinn School (FUNDING SOURCE: LOCAL)

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Marcelline Zambuco to the position of .5 Mathematics Teacher (Alternative Program) at Maisie E. Quinn School, effective at the start of the 2015-2016 school year.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MARCELLINE ZAMBUCO TO THE POSITION OF .5 MATHEMATICS TEACHER (ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM) AT MAISIE E. QUINN SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE AT THE START OF THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR. Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan. The following members voted in the affirmative: Luis Colon, Rene Coutu, Patricia Keenan, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

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- j) Full-Time Special Education Teacher Assistant/Floater – Self-Contained Behavior/ Alternative Classroom (High School Program) – Maisie E. Quinn School (FUNDING SOURCE: LOCAL)**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Natalie Laroche to the position of Full-Time Special Education Teacher Assistant/Floater – Self-Contained Behavior/ Alternative Classroom (High School Program) at Maisie E. Quinn School, effective at the start of the 2015-2016 school year.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF NATALIE LAROCHE TO THE POSITION OF FULL-TIME SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER ASSISTANT/ FLOATER – SELF-CONTAINED BEHAVIOR/ALTERNATIVE CLASSROOM (HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM) AT MAISIE E. QUINN SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE AT THE START OF THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR. Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan, for discussion.

Mr. Vigeant provided information regarding Natalie Laroche's education and experience.

The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu, Luis Colon, Patricia Keenan, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton.

The School Committee congratulated and welcomed Natalie Laroche.

- k) Full-Time Special Education Teacher Assistant/ Floater for the Self-Contained Behavior/ Alternative Classroom (Middle School Program) – Maisie E. Quinn School (FUNDING SOURCE: LOCAL)**

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Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Catherine Plante to the position of Full-Time Special Education Teacher Assistant/Floater for the Self-Contained Behavior/Alternative Classroom (Middle School Program) at Maisie E. Quinn School, effective at the start of the 2015-2016 school year.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY LUIS COLON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF CATHERINE PLANTE TO THE POSITION OF FULL-TIME SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER ASSISTANT/FLOATER FOR THE SELF-CONTAINED BEHAVIOR/ALTERNATIVE CLASSROOM (MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM) AT MAISIE E. QUINN SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE AT THE START OF THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR. Motion seconded by Christopher Messier. The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, Christopher Messier, Luis Colon, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

1) Part-Time Special Education Teacher Assistant/Personal Care Attendant/Self-Contained Inclusion Kindergarten Floater (includes aquatics/lifting) – Wakefield Hills Elementary School (FUNDING SOURCE: LOCAL)

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Katerina Green to the position of Part-Time Special Education Teacher Assistant/Personal Care Attendant/Self-Contained Inclusion Kindergarten Floater (includes aquatics/lifting) at Wakefield Hills Elementary School effective at the start of the 2015-2016 school year.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY RENE COUTU THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE

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AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF KATERINA GREEN TO THE POSITION OF PART-TIME SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER ASSISTANT/PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANT/SELF-CONTAINED INCLUSION KINDERGARTEN FLOATER (INCLUDES AQUATICS/LIFTING) AT WAKEFIELD HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EFFECTIVE AT THE START OF THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR.

Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan, for discussion.

Mr. Vigeant provided information regarding Katerina Green's education and experience.

The following members voted in the affirmative: Luis Colon, Christopher Messier, Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

The School Committee congratulated and welcomed Katerina Green.

m) Part-Time 2nd Shift Custodian – Greenbush Elementary School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Richard Grenier, Jr. to the position of Part-Time 2nd Shift Custodian at Greenbush Elementary School.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY PATRICIA KEENAN THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD GRENIER, JR. TO THE POSITION OF PART-TIME 2ND SHIFT CUSTODIAN AT GREENBUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Motion seconded by Christopher Messier. The following members voted in the affirmative: Luis Colon, Rene Coutu, Christopher Messier, Patricia Keenan, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

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- n) School Improvement Leader – Greenbush Elementary School (FUNDING SOURCE: LOCAL)**
- o) School Newspaper Advisor – John F. Deering Middle School (FUNDING SOURCE: LOCAL)**
- p) Two (2) Best Buddies Advisors – West Warwick High School (FUNDING SOURCE: LOCAL)**
- q) Grade 1 Lead Teacher – Greenbush Elementary School (FUNDING SOURCE: LOCAL)**
- r) Grade 2 Lead Teacher – Greenbush Elementary School (FUNDING SOURCE: LOCAL)**
- s) Kindergarten Lead Teacher – John F. Horgan Elementary School (FUNDING SOURCE: LOCAL)**
- t) Interim Grade 4 Lead Teacher – John F. Horgan Elementary School (FUNDING SOURCE: LOCAL)**
- u) Nursing and Health Services Coordinator – West Warwick Public Schools (FUNDING SOURCE: LOCAL)**
- v) Certified Staff – Jump Start Kindergarten – John F. Horgan Elementary School (FUNDING SOURCE: TITLE I)**
- w) Certified Staff – Transition to Grade 1 – John F. Horgan Elementary School (FUNDING SOURCE: TITLE 1)**
- x) Teacher Assistants – Jump Start Kindergarten (FUNDING SOURCE: TITLE I)**

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- y) Teacher Assistant – Transition to Grade 1
(FUNDING SOURCE: TITLE I)**
- z) Proficiency-Based Summer School Coaches
(FUNDING SOURCE: LOCAL)**
- aa) Teachers – Proficiency-Based Summer School
(FUNDING SOURCE: LOCAL)**
- bb) Teachers – YMCA B.L.A.S.T. Program –
John F. Deering Middle School (FUNDING
SOURCE: UNITED WAY)**
- cc) Certified Staff – Special Education Extended
School Year Program (FUNDING SOURCE:
LOCAL)**
- dd) Two (2) Assistant Co-Ed Football Coaches –
West Warwick High School**
- ee) Reappointments: Athletic Coaches (FUNDING
SOURCE: LOCAL)**
 - Assistant Girls' Volleyball Coach – West
Warwick High School**
 - Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach – West
Warwick High School**
 - Head Girls' Soccer Coach – West Warwick
High School**
 - Assistant Co-Ed Soccer Coach – West
Warwick High School**
 - Head Co-Ed Soccer Coach – West Warwick
High School**
 - Head Girls Volleyball Coach – West
Warwick High School**
 - Co-Head Co-Ed Cheerleading Coach –
John F. Deering Middle School**
 - Head Boys' Soccer Coach – John F. Deering
Middle School**
 - Head Girls' Soccer Coach – John F. Deering
Middle School**
 - Head Co-Ed Cross Country Coach –
John F. Deering Middle School**

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Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointments of the positions listed in agenda item numbers 21 n) through ee):

- n) Christopher Allen to the position of School Improvement Leader at Greenbush Elementary School
- o) Pamela Kershaw to the position of School Newspaper Advisor at John F. Deering Middle School
- p) Jessica Hassell and Brianne Silvestri to the positions of Best Buddies Advisors at West Warwick High School
- q) Kerri Ford to the position of Grade 1 Lead Teacher at Greenbush Elementary School
- r) Kristin Hall to the position of Grade 2 Lead Teacher at Greenbush Elementary School
- s) Aimee Petrangelo to the position of Kindergarten Lead Teacher at John F. Horgan Elementary School
- t) Gisele Humble to the position of Interim Grade 4 Lead Teacher at John F. Horgan Elementary School
- u) Lisa Moreau to the position of Nursing and Health Services Coordinator for the West Warwick Public Schools
- v) Gina Richards, Charlene Smith, Aimee Petrangelo, and Lindsey Genovesi to the positions of certified staff in the Jump Start Kindergarten Program at John F. Horgan Elementary School
- w) Amy Horne, Katie Michaud, Kelly Hersey, Joshua Malloy, and Lynn Dion to the positions of certified

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staff in the Transition to Grade 1 Program at
John F. Horgan Elementary School

- x) Mary Ann Wodecki and Lynn Kilkenny to the positions of Teacher Assistants in the Jump Start Kindergarten Program
- y) Della Lepore to the position of Teacher Assistant in the Transition to Grade 1 Program
- z) Lori Huntley-ELA and Lori Tashjian-Math to the positions of Proficiency-Based Summer School Coaches
- aa) Paula Tulli-Reading & Writing Workshop, Richard Grenier – Reading & Writing Workshop/8th Grade Transition, Kerri Mott-Algebra Workshop, James Owen-Geometry Workshop/8th Grade Transition, Monique Maynard-Math Ramp-Up, Christine Kirch-Physical Science/Biology Workshop, Harry Ryan – History Workshop, Wayne Brusseau-Special Educator, and Karen Moniz-Guidance Coordinator to the positions of Teachers in the Proficiency-Based Summer School
- bb) Lisa LeCampion, Hillary Zajdek, Louis Picirilli, and Tufan Oral to the positions of teachers in the YMCA B.L.A.S.T. Program
- cc) Jessica Degnan to the position of Speech Teacher, and Gina Tavares, Kristin Hall, and Kelly Hersey to the positions of substitutes in the Special Education Extended School Year Program
- dd) Michael Cahill and Michael Kelly to the positions of Assistant Co-Ed Football Coaches at West Warwick High School
- ee) Victoria Ahrens to the position of Assistant Girls' Volleyball Coach at West Warwick High School

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Stephen Derderian to the position of Assistant Girls Soccer Coach at West Warwick High School

Daniel Lima to the position of Head Soccer Coach at West Warwick High School

Nicholas Paolantonio to the position of Assistant Co-Ed Soccer Coach at West Warwick High School

Isaura Price to the position of Head Co-Ed Soccer Coach at West Warwick High School

Michael Shunney to the position of Head Girls' Volleyball Coach at West Warwick High School

Brianna Archambault to the position of Co-Head Co-Ed Cheerleading Coach at John F. Deering Middle School

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENTS OF THE POSITIONS LISTED IN AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS 21 n) through ee):

- n) CHRISTOPHER ALLEN TO THE POSITION OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT LEADER AT GREENBUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
- o) PAMELA KERSHAW TO THE POSITION OF SCHOOL NEWSPAPER ADVISOR AT JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL**
- p) JESSICA HASSELL AND BRIANNE SILVESTRI TO THE POSITIONS OF BEST BUDDIES ADVISORS AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL**
- q) KERRI FORD TO THE POSITION OF GRADE 1 LEAD TEACHER AT GREENBUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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- r) KRISTIN HALL TO THE POSITION OF
GRADE 2 LEAD TEACHER AT
GREENBUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
- s) AIMEE PETRANGELO TO THE POSITION
OF KINDERGARTEN LEAD TEACHER AT
JOHN F. HORGAN ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**
- t) GISELE HUMBLE TO THE POSITION OF
INTERIM GRADE 4 LEAD TEACHER AT
JOHN F. HORGAN ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**
- u) LISA MOREAU TO THE POSITION OF
NURSING AND HEALTH SERVICES
COORDINATOR FOR THE WEST
WARWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS**
- v) GINA RICHARDS, CHARLENE SMITH,
AIMEE PETRANGELO, AND LINDSEY
GENOVESI TO THE POSITIONS OF
CERTIFIED STAFF IN THE JUMP START
KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM AT JOHN F.
HORGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
- w) AMY HORNE, KATIE MICHAUD, KELLY
HERSEY, JOSHUA MALLOY, AND LYNN
DION TO THE POSITIONS OF CERTIFIED
STAFF IN THE TRANSITION TO GRADE 1
PROGRAM AT JOHN F. HORGAN
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
- x) MARY ANN WODECKI AND LYNN
KILKENNY TO THE POSITIONS OF
TEACHER ASSISTANTS IN THE JUMP
START KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM**
- y) DELLA LEPORE TO THE POSITION OF
TEACHER ASSISTANT IN THE
TRANSITION TO GRADE 1 PROGRAM**

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- z) LORI HUNTLEY-ELA AND LORI TASHJIAN-MATH TO POSITIONS OF PROFICIENCY-BASED SUMMER SCHOOL COACHES**
- aa) PAULA TULLI-READING & WRITING WORKSHOP, RICHARD GRENIER – READING & WRITING WORKSHOP/8TH GRADE TRANSITION, KERRI MOTT-ALGEBRA WORKSHOP, JAMES OWEN-GEOMETRY WORKSHOP/8TH GRADE TRANSITION, MONIQUE MAYNARD-MATH RAMP-UP, CHRISTINE KIRCH-PHYSICAL SCIENCE/BIOLOGY WORKSHOP, HARRY RYAN – HISTORY WORKSHOP, WAYNE BRUSSEAU-SPECIAL EDUCATOR, AND KAREN MONIZ-GUIDANCE COORDINATOR TO THE POSITIONS OF TEACHERS IN THE PROFICIENCY-BASED SUMMER SCHOOL**
- bb) LISA LECAMPION, HILLARY ZAJDEK, LOUIS PICIRILLI, AND TUFAN ORAL TO THE POSITIONS OF TEACHERS IN THE YMCA B.L.A.S.T. PROGRAM**
- cc) JESSICA DEGNAN TO THE POSITION OF SPEECH TEACHER, AND GINA TAVARES, KRISTIN HALL, AND KELLY HERSEY TO THE POSITIONS OF SUBSTITUTES IN THE SPECIAL EDUCATION EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAM**
- dd) MICHAEL CAHILL AND MICHAEL KELLY TO THE POSITIONS OF ASSISTANT CO-ED FOOTBALL COACHES AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL**
- ee) VICTORIA AHRENS TO THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL COACH AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL**

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**STEPHEN DERDERIAN TO THE
POSITION OF ASSISTANT
GIRLS SOCCER COACH AT WEST
WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL**

**DANIEL LIMA TO THE POSITION OF
HEAD SOCCER COACH AT WEST
WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL**

**NICHOLAS PAOLANTONIO TO THE
POSITION OF ASSISTANT
CO-ED SOCCER COACH AT WEST
WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL**

**ISAURA PRICE TO THE POSITION OF
HEAD CO-ED SOCCER COACH AT WEST
WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL**

**MICHAEL SHUNNEY TO THE POSITION
OF HEAD GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL COACH
AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL**

**BRIANNA ARCHAMBAULT TO THE
POSITION OF CO-HEAD CO-ED
CHEERLEADING COACH AT JOHN F.
DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan. The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu, Luis Colon, Patricia Keenan, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

22. Approval: Administrative Contracts

Approval: Administrative Contracts:

a) Principal – Wakefield Hills Elementary School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve a three-year contract for Leah Bessette, Principal at Wakefield Hills Elementary School effective July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2018.

MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY PATRICIA KEENAN
THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE**

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A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT FOR LEAH BESSETTE, PRINCIPAL AT WAKEFIELD HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2018.

Motion seconded by Christopher Messier. The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu, Luis Colon, Christopher Messier, Patricia Keenan, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

b) Assistant Principal – West Warwick High School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve a two-year administrative contract for Nicole Rattay, Assistant Principal at West Warwick High School, effective July 14, 2015 through June 30, 2017.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE A TWO-YEAR ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACT FOR NICOLE RATTAY, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE JULY 14, 2015

THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017. Motion seconded by Rene Coutu. The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Luis Colon, Rene Coutu, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

c) Director of Property Services and Transportation

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve a two-year administrative contract for Kenneth Townsend, Director of Facilities, Project Management and Transportation, effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY LUIS COLON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE A TWO-YEAR ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACT FOR

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KENNETH TOWNSEND, DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES, PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND TRANSPORTATION, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017. Motion seconded by Rene Coutu. The following members voted in the affirmative: Christopher Messier, Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, Luis Colon, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

**23. Approval:
Amendment to
Administrative
Contract**

**Approval: Amendment to Administrative
Contract: Director of Educational Reform,
Compliance and Technology**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve an amendment to the administrative contract for James Monti, Director of Educational Reform, Compliance, and Technology, effective July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2017.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY LUIS COLON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACT FOR JAMES MONTI, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL REFORM, COMPLIANCE AND TECHNOLOGY, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017. Motion seconded by Christopher Messier. The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, Christopher Messier, Luis Colon, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

24. Approval: Bid Award

**Approval: Bid Award: Boilers – Greenbush
Elementary School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the bid award submitted by Delta Mechanical Contractors, LLC, of 44 Wilclair Street, Warwick, RI, in the amount of \$190,500.00 for the purchase and installation of boilers for Greenbush Elementary School.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY PATRICIA KEENAN THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE

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THE BID AWARD SUBMITTED BY DELTA MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS, LLC, OF 44 WILCLAIR STREET, WARWICK, RI, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$190,500.00 FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF BOILERS FOR GREENBUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Motion seconded by Luis Colon. The following members voted in the affirmative: Christopher Messier, Rene Coutu, Luis Colon, Patricia Keenan, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

25. Audience of Citizens

Audience of Citizens

None.

26. School Committee Discussion for the Good and Welfare of the School System

School Committee Discussion for the Good and Welfare of the School System

None.

27. Adjournment

Adjournment

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ADJOURN THE MEETING. Motion seconded by Rene Coutu. The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Luis Colon, Rene Coutu, Christopher Messier and Stephen H. Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

MOTION

Meeting adjourned at: 7:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rene Coutu, Clerk

Michelle M. Colozzo, Recorder